



**Consulate General of
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To whom it may concern

This office occasionally receives requests to provide “No Objection” letters concerning a person’s intent to marry in India. U.S. consular officers are expressly forbidden from making any official statement regarding a person’s eligibility to be married. Please find below the relevant excerpts from the U.S. Government regulations that govern what services a U.S. consular officer can and cannot provide. The complete regulations are available online at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/86802.pdf>.

7 FAM 1453.2 What Consular Officers Can’t Do

- c. You cannot make any official certification about the status or eligibility to marry of persons residing in the United States who propose to be married abroad, or about the laws of the United States or of any of the fifty States or Territories about eligibility for marriage or the solemnization of a marriage.

7 FAM 1455.1 Foreign Countries' Requirements

- a. Some countries require persons who wish to marry to provide written proof, issued by governmental authority, that there is no legal impediment to the marriage. No such document, or governmental authority to issue such document, exists in the United States.
- b. In consular districts with such requirements, a notarized statement from the U.S. citizen party to the marriage, affirming that the citizen is free to marry, often is accepted in lieu of a governmental statement.

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